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Presidential race gets underway

Candidates from the two major political parties in the US (Democrats and Republicans) have announced they're running for President in 2024. They will begin campaigning around the country, trying to convince Americans that they are the best person for the nation's top job. Americans will choose a winner in November 2024.

What is happening?

As *The Week Junior* went to press on May 2, seven Republicans and three Democrats had entered the race. More people are expected to announce their candidacy in the months ahead, especially on the Republican side. Political experts say the current front-runners are President Joe Biden (a Democrat seeking his second term) and Donald Trump (the Republican former President who lost to Biden in 2020).

Who are the Democrats in the race?

Biden, age 80, announced on April 25 that he will run again. He delivered the news in a video on the four-year anniversary of his announcement that he was running for President in 2020. He will again be joined on the Democratic ticket by Vice President Kamala Harris. When an incumbent (current

President) runs, they are rarely challenged by members of their own party, but Biden faces two competitors so far. One is Marianne Williamson, a best-selling author who also ran in 2020. The other is Robert F. Kennedy Jr., an attorney and activist who is also the nephew of the 35th US President, John F. Kennedy.

Who are the Republicans?

Trump, age 76, will make another bid for the White House after serving from 2017 to 2021. He can run again because the US Constitution (the nation's

highest law) permits Presidents

to serve two four-year terms, which don't have to be consecutive (in a row). The other candidates are Steve Laffey, a former mayor of Cranston, Rhode Island; Nikki

Haley, who was the first female

governor of South Carolina and later served as US ambassador to the United Nations; Vivek Ramaswamy, founder of a major technology company; Perry Johnson, a business executive; Asa Hutchinson, a former governor of Arkansas; and Larry Elder, a talk-radio host.

Who can run for President?

According to the Constitution, a person must be at least 35 years old and have lived in the US

for a minimum of 14 years to run for President. The person must also be a natural-born citizen (born in the US). Anyone who wants to run must file for candidacy with the Federal Election Commission, which keeps track of the amount of money each candidate spends on the campaign, and must also get their names on state ballots. This involves different steps in each state. Candidates in California must gather 26,500 signatures from people across the state, for example, while in Louisiana they can either gather 6,000 signatures or pay a fee.

Who else could enter the race?

Likely Republican candidates include Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, who is considered a top challenger to Trump; Chris Sununu, the governor of New Hampshire; Mike Pence, Vice President during the Trump administration; and Tim Scott, a US senator from South Carolina.

What will happen next?

Starting in early 2024, each state will hold primary elections. In these primaries, voters will choose one candidate from each party to run in the nationwide election in November. The first Democratic primary will take place in South Carolina on February 3. For Republicans, the primary season begins with the Iowa caucuses, which will be held on February 5.

TERM LIMITS
Until 1951, US Presidents could serve an unlimited number of four-year terms. Now they can serve only two.

This week's big news



Dictionary honors a soccer legend

On April 26, the word "Pelé" was added to a Brazilian dictionary to honor a legendary soccer player, Edson Arantes do Nascimento, known as Pelé. The adjective means to be the best in any area with "quality, value, or superiority that cannot be equaled to anything or anyone, just like Pelé."

Pelé, who died in December 2022 at age 82, was a hero in his native Brazil and helped make soccer popular globally. He was born in 1940 and spent his early years playing soccer barefoot with a ball made of rags. At age 16, he joined the Brazilian national team and became known for his grace, flair, and speed. He won three World Cup championships, the most of any player in soccer history. He was also the youngest player to score in a World Cup game.

After his death, the Pelé Foundation (created by the athlete to help children in need) collected more than 125,000 signatures calling for "Pelé" to be added to the dictionary. "Together we made history," the foundation posted on social media.



Pelé

IT'S AN AMAZING WEEK FOR...

CELEBRATING STAR WARS

A chain of doughnut shops will add Star Wars-themed items to its menu on May 4—known as Star Wars Day to fans of the space saga. Pinkbox Doughnuts designed treats to look like Princess Leia, Yoda, and other characters.



The special doughnuts

A CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT

A bulldog named Patch took home the top prize at Drake University's Beautiful Bulldog Contest. The breed is the Iowa college's mascot. Patch sported the crown after beating out 28 other contestants. "We're so proud of her all the time, but especially today," said Patch's owner.



Patch

A CHOCOLATE KING

As the UK prepares for the coronation of King Charles III on May 6, a team of chocolatiers and artists has crafted a life-size, lifelike sculpture of him made entirely of chocolate. The bust weighs more than 50 pounds and took four weeks to make. The team said they are "delighted with how he looks."



The sculpture



Architect receives top award

Yasmeen Lari has been awarded the Royal Gold Medal, one of the most prestigious honors in architecture (the design of buildings and spaces). Lari, Pakistan's first female architect, is known for her work helping people and the environment.

Lari began her career in 1964, and her early projects include office and government buildings. She later began working to preserve Pakistan's cultural history and designing socially conscious projects, such as housing for people with low incomes and homes built with sustainable materials. She has designed shelters for use after natural disasters such as floods and stoves that create less pollution than traditional stoves.

The medal is awarded by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and was first given out in

1848. It honors people who "have had a significant influence on the advancement of architecture." Past winners include American architects Frank Lloyd Wright and Frank Gehry. The recipient is personally approved by the British monarch, and this year's award is the first to be approved by King Charles III.

Lari is the second woman to win the medal as an individual, rather than as part of a team. RIBA said the award recognizes her social justice efforts. "She has shown us how architecture changes lives for the better," said RIBA's president, Simon Allford.

Lari expressed her surprise at being chosen. "I never imagined that as I focus on my country's most marginalized people...I could still be considered for the highest of honors in the architectural profession," she said.



National news



DID YOU KNOW?

South Korea has a population of more than 51 million people.

President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden (at right) with South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and Kim Keon-hee

A popular American song



In 1971, Don McLean wrote and recorded "American Pie," which rose to the top of the Billboard charts. At 8 minutes and 42 seconds long, it was the longest number one song in history. It held that record until 2021, when Taylor Swift released "All Too Well (10 Minute Version)," which runs 10 minutes and 13 seconds.

White House hosts South Korean leader

President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden welcomed the president of South Korea, Yoon Suk Yeol, and his wife, Kim Keon-hee, to an official state dinner at the White House on April 26. The event marked the 70th anniversary of the alliance between South Korea and the US.

What is a state dinner?

A state dinner is a formal event expressing goodwill—a way for a US President to honor a leader who is officially visiting from another country. At the event, the two leaders exchanged toasts in a show of diplomacy and to demonstrate the strength of their alliance. US Presidents have hosted more than 200 state dinners since the tradition began in 1874. This was the second one hosted by Biden.

Who were some of the guests?

About 200 guests attended the dinner, including officials in Biden's administration, members of Congress, and state and local officials. Other notable Americans in attendance included Chloe Kim, an Olympic gold medalist in snowboarding. Broadway stars Norm Lewis, Lea Salonga, and Jessica Vosk provided the entertainment.

What were some of the details?

The evening was designed to showcase the significant cultural ties between the two nations. Tables were decorated with cherry blossom branches, which grow in South Korea and Washington, DC. The menu, including crab cakes made with gochujang chili paste and banana splits topped with doenjang caramel, used Korean

ingredients. The artwork on display featured the national animals and flowers of both countries.

What happened at the event?

In Biden's remarks, he said the strong bond between the two countries was "forged in bravery" at the end of the Korean War in 1953. Yoon spoke of the nations' unity by quoting what he said was an old Irish saying: "A good friend is like a four-leaf clover—hard to find and lucky to have." After the musical guests performed one of the South Korean president's favorite songs, "American Pie" by Don McLean, Yoon took the stage at Biden's urging and sang the song. He received a standing ovation from the crowd, and Biden presented him with a special gift—a guitar signed by McLean.

WORD OF THE WEEK

DICTIONARY

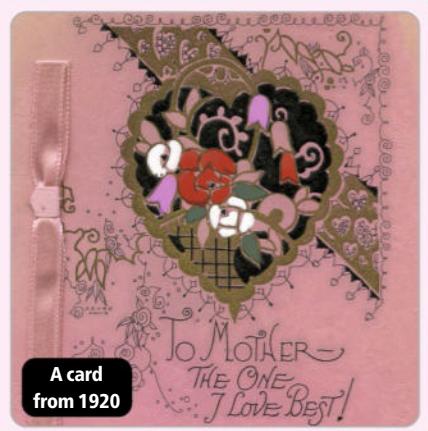
A dictionary lists the words we write and speak. Its name has its roots in ancient Rome, where the Latin *dictiō* meant a "way of speaking" and *dicere* meant to "talk" or to "say." This makes "dictionary" a relative of other words in English, such as "predict" ("to say in advance") and "verdict" (a "true saying").

THE WEEK IN HISTORY

May 10, 1908

Mother's Day is first celebrated

On May 10, 1908, Mother's Day was observed for the first time at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. The celebration was held on the third anniversary of the death of Anna Reeves Jarvis, who had advocated for a holiday to honor mothers. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson designated the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day across the country.



A card from 1920

National news



Diane Wilson

Prize for environmental activist

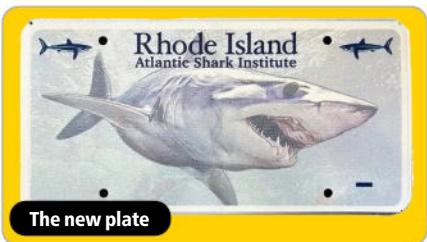
Diane Wilson of Texas was named the North American winner of the 2023 Goldman Prize, one of the world's top environmental awards. Each year the prize is given to six people from six different continents for helping the Earth. Wilson, age 74, is a shrimp fisher with a long history of fighting plastic pollution. She is best known for winning a landmark lawsuit (legal dispute) against a company that was dumping plastic waste on the Gulf Coast of Texas.



Arthur Gregg and Charity Adams

US Army renames famous fort

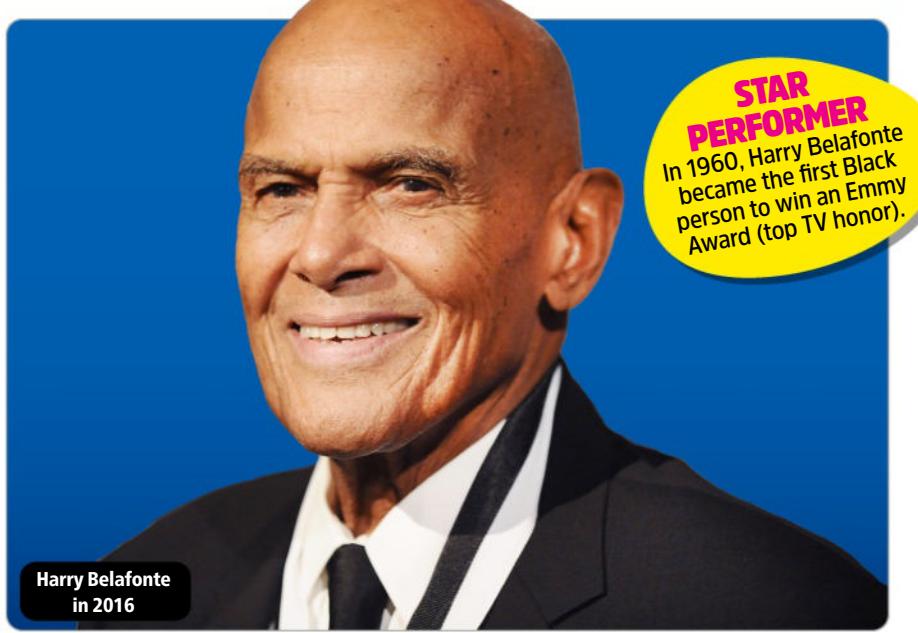
Fort Lee, a US Army base in Virginia, has been renamed Fort Gregg-Adams in honor of two pioneering Black officers. Lieutenant General Arthur Gregg was the first Black three-star general, and Lieutenant Colonel Charity Adams was the top-ranking Black woman to serve in World War II. The base was previously named for Robert E. Lee, who fought in the Civil War to preserve slavery.



The new plate

Rhode Island's new license plate

Rhode Island has a new charity license plate featuring the endangered shortfin mako shark. When people purchase the plate, designed by marine artist Paul McPhee, part of the funds will go toward research aimed at protecting the sharks. The state created the plate with the Atlantic Shark Institute, whose director said, "Sharks are in trouble and they need our help."



Harry Belafonte
in 2016

STAR PERFORMER
In 1960, Harry Belafonte became the first Black person to win an Emmy Award (top TV honor).

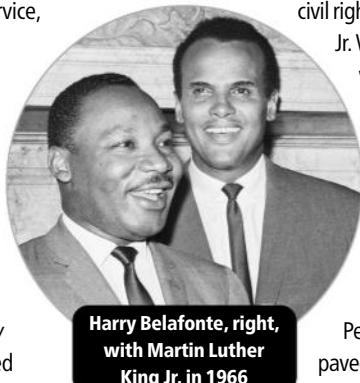
Harry Belafonte is remembered

Politicians, civil rights leaders, and entertainers have paid tribute to Harry Belafonte, who died on April 25 at age 96. He was remembered as a trailblazing singer, actor, and activist.

Belafonte was born in 1927 in the Harlem neighborhood of New York City. His parents were West Indian immigrants. In 1944, he left high school to join the Navy during World War II (1939–1945). During his service, Black shipmates encouraged him to read books by African American authors and learn about Black history.

After the Navy, he achieved success as an entertainer in jazz clubs. By the early 1950s, he had a record contract and a role in the Broadway play *John Murray Anderson's Almanac*. He received positive reviews and won a Tony Award (top theater honor) for his work.

That success led to his first film role, in 1954. At the time, segregation was common in the US, and Black people were rarely cast in movies,



Harry Belafonte, right,
with Martin Luther
King Jr. in 1966

except as servants. Despite the discrimination he faced, Belafonte earned starring roles and, in 1959, became the highest-paid Black performer in US history. He also continued to record music, and his album *Calypso* became the first album by a single artist to sell more than a million copies.

In the 1960s, Belafonte spoke out for racial equality and became a friend and supporter of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. When activists, including King, were arrested at protests, Belafonte provided the money to get them out of jail. He remained outspoken on civil rights for the rest of his life.

Remembering Belafonte, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said his "fearless activism" paved the way for countless others. Leaders who offered tributes included former President Barack Obama. "Harry Belafonte was a barrier-breaking legend who used his platform to lift others up," he said. "And he did it all with his signature smile and style."

THE WEEK'S SILLIEST HEADLINE

"Woman cooking dinner suddenly discovers a deer in her house" *The Dodo*





Around the world



Olivier
Serva

France Hair law proposed

A member of France's parliament (similar to Congress) wants to make it illegal to discriminate against someone (treat them unfairly) because of their hair. Olivier Serva said workplaces often force Black people to straighten their natural hair. He wants the law to fight discrimination based on the texture, length, color, or style of hair. Other people say that general discrimination laws do this job already.



A ship on
the canal

Panama Drought causes canal closure

A drought (severe lack of rain) is causing one of the world's most important shipping routes to limit the number of ships that can pass through. The Panama Canal connects the Atlantic and Pacific oceans so ships don't have to sail around the bottom of South America. Rainwater is an energy source that helps power ships through the canal, and current rain reserves are too low to accommodate all ship traffic.



Blueberries
in Peru

Peru Blueberry crops are booming

Peru is now the world's largest blueberry exporter (seller to other countries). It is also the third-largest blueberry producer, after China and the US. Ten years ago, people thought the fruit couldn't be grown in Peru because of the heat and soil conditions. However, small producers started planting them in pots with a special soil made from coconuts.

Vatican City Pope grants women a vote

In a historic first, Pope Francis (the worldwide leader of the Catholic church) is allowing nuns to vote at the synod, an important meeting of bishops from around the world. Previously, women could watch the synod but were not allowed to vote. Five nuns will be able to vote on the issues raised at the next one, in October.

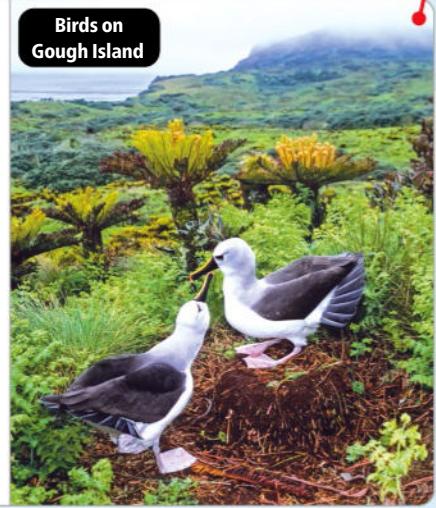


Pope Francis and
a group of nuns



Gough Island, United Kingdom Looking for a bird lover

A bird charity called the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds is looking to recruit a field officer to move to the remote Gough Island. Located in the southern Atlantic Ocean, the British territory has no airport and takes seven days to reach by boat from South Africa. The job is for 13 months and involves tracking seabirds. There are six other people living on the island and about 8 million birds.



Birds on
Gough Island

Around the world



People board
evacuation flights.

Port Sudan, Sudan Last evacuation flights take off

Two evacuation flights carrying British citizens took off from Port Sudan on May 1, ending a rescue mission by the UK government as fighting continues in Sudan. The government said it evacuated 2,197 people from the warring nation. Some people in the UK said, however, that they still have family members in Sudan.



Climbers on
Mount Everest



Nepal Record number of climbing permits

Nepal has issued permits for 463 people to climb Mount Everest, Earth's highest peak, this spring—a record number. The previous highest number of permits, issued in 2019, was 409. The nation is home to eight of the 10 tallest peaks in the world and relies on Everest for revenue, with each permit costing about \$10,000. Mountaineers have raised concerns about dangerous conditions on Everest due to overcrowding.



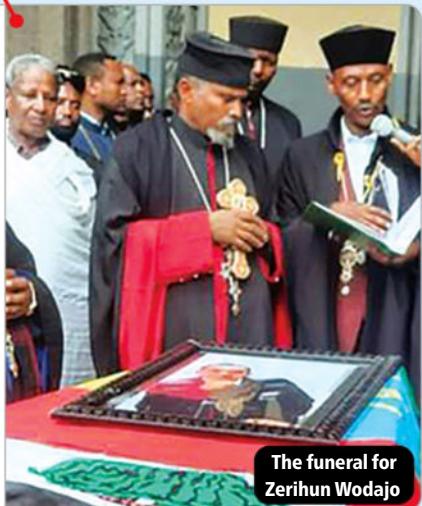
The vulture
chick

Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand Zookeepers dress like vultures

Workers at Nakhon Ratchasima Zoo are using clever tricks to feed an endangered Asian king vulture chick. They wear a black long-sleeve shirt, red gloves, and a red balaclava (a knit cap for the head and neck) to make themselves look like adult vultures. The idea is to prevent the chick from becoming too accustomed to humans so it can be safely released into the wild when it's ready.



One of the
new boats



The funeral for
Zerihun Wodajo

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Musician is mourned

Hundreds of people gathered in Ethiopia's capital city, Addis Ababa, for the funeral of Zerihun Wodajo, a musician who died on April 22. Wodajo's music often explored the struggles faced by the Oromo people, a group that makes up more than one third of the Ethiopian population. His fans adored him so much that they bought him a house and paid for him to travel to India for medical treatment.

Kerala, India Eco-friendly "water metro" launches

India's first "water metro," a public boat service, has been launched in the state of Kerala as an environmentally friendly alternative to traveling by road. The battery-powered boats connect 10 islands with the city of Kochi, and fares start at about 25 cents. The water metro is expected to serve 34,000 people a day by 2024 and 100,000 people a day by 2034.



The big debate

Should dogs be allowed at restaurants?

Dining with canines is fun for some, but others say the pups should take a walk.

What you need to know

- The US government says dogs cannot be inside restaurants unless they are service animals that are trained to help people.
- In the US, 23 states, including New York, Maryland, Kentucky, and California, have laws that allow dogs to sit outdoors at restaurants.
- Dogs are the most popular pet in the US, with more than 80 million dogs living in 65.1 million households.
- In 2022, Americans spent more than \$136 billion on their pets.



Many dog owners treat their dogs like family, from dressing them in adorable sweaters to dropping them off at doggie daycare. Around the world, people spend more than \$5 billion on dog clothes every year, and in one poll, 76% of US dog owners said they let their pups sleep in bed with them. Many people even like to take their dogs out to dinner rather than leave them home alone. Thousands of restaurants in the US let dogs sit at outdoor tables. Pups can be perfect dining companions, curling up at their owner's feet during the meal. But some diners feel pets take away from their dining experience. What do you think? Should dogs be allowed at restaurants?

Yes—everything's better with dogs

It's so fun to enjoy a nice meal next to your favorite furry friend—or someone else's sweet pup. Research shows that dogs make us happier, reduce stress, and are good for our health, so they can make meals more enjoyable too. Customers dining with their dogs can relax and not rush home to walk their pups, so they'll stay longer and spend more money. That's good for business. During the pandemic, dogs spent a lot of time with owners working from home. Now some pets get anxious when they're left alone. If people can take their pups to restaurants, it's one less thing for humans and dogs to worry about.

No—that's just barking mad

Dogs may be their owner's best friend, but that doesn't mean they belong everywhere. Not everyone likes dogs. Some people are afraid of or even allergic to them. Should those people be forced to avoid their favorite restaurants just because someone wanted to dine with their pet? That isn't fair. Not all dogs are well behaved, so there's a chance they could be disruptive or even dangerous to other dogs, diners, and restaurant staff. Servers are busy keeping the customers happy and carrying trays and plates. They shouldn't have to worry about tripping over a dog when they're just trying to do their jobs.

YES Three reasons why dogs should be allowed at restaurants

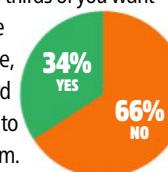
- 1 Dogs improve people's well-being, so having them there is a positive boost.
- 2 Customers with dogs at dinner don't have to rush home, so they stay longer and spend more money.
- 3 Many dogs have separation anxiety, so this gives owners a chance to get out without leaving their pet home alone.

NO Three reasons why dogs should not be allowed at restaurants

- 1 Some people are allergic to dogs or just don't like them. Their dining experience shouldn't be ruined by someone else's dog.
- 2 Dogs can be dirty, dangerous, and disruptive to other dogs and diners.
- 3 Waiters are busy serving tables full of customers. It's too much for them to also worry about looking out for dogs.

LAST WEEK'S POLL

Last week, we asked if publishers should revise old books. Two thirds of you want to leave the words alone, while a third said it's OK to update them.



What do you think?

Now that you've read a bit more about this issue, visit kids.theweekjunior.com/polls so you can vote in our debate. Vote YES if you think dogs should be allowed at restaurants or NO if you don't. We'll publish the results next week.

The goal of the big debate is to present two sides of an issue fairly in order to stimulate discussion and allow our readers to make up their minds. The views on this page do not reflect those of *The Week Junior*, and the page is not funded by third parties.



Cooking for a cause

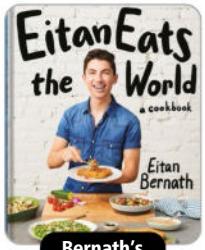
Eitan Bernath is using his passion for food to fight hunger on a global scale.

Eitan Bernath, a TV chef and author, has been named a High Level Supporter to the United Nations' World Food Program (WFP), the largest global organization working to eliminate hunger. At age 21, Bernath is the youngest person to be named to the position. In the role, he will educate the public about WFP's work.

While growing up, Bernath loved watching cooking shows and recreating dishes he saw. "I realized if I cook it, I can eat it," he told *The Week Junior*. This passion led him, at age 11, to be one of the youngest contestants on the cooking competition series *Chopped*.

Bernath now has an audience of more than 10 million followers on social media who enjoy watching him cook original dishes, which often have an international flavor. Many of the recipes are featured in

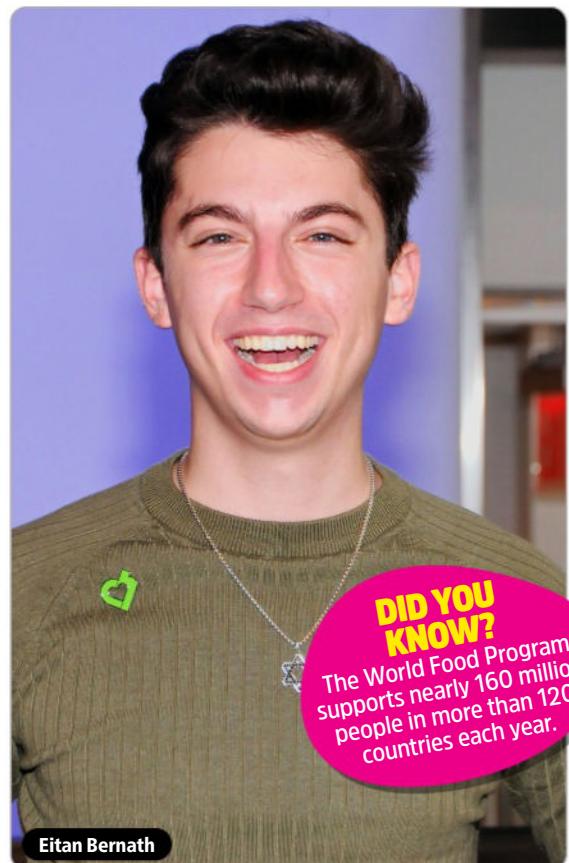
his best-selling cookbook *Eitan Eats the World*, published in 2022. He lives in New York City and attends Columbia University. He also appears and makes dishes on *The Drew Barrymore Show* as its primary culinary contributor.



Bernath's cookbook

As a teenager, Bernath began volunteering with City Harvest, a New York City food rescue organization. That work led him to WFP, which feeds people in a crisis and also seeks long-term sustainable changes to how food is produced and distributed.

For kids who are interested in getting involved with a cause they care about, Bernath encourages them to take action and start locally, such as by having a bake sale to raise money for a shelter. "Younger generations—we can bring about real change," he said.



Eitan Bernath

DID YOU KNOW?

The World Food Program supports nearly 160 million people in more than 120 countries each year.

Rejoining the world

Mountain climber Beatriz Flamini, age 50, of Spain, has emerged after spending 500 days alone in a cave about 230 feet underground. Her observations and the footage she captured on camera will be turned into a documentary and used by scientists to study how isolation affects the body. Food and water were regularly left for her, and she was monitored for safety from afar. Flamini, who said she spent her time reading 60 books, knitting, exercising, and drawing, described the experience as "unbeatable."



Beatriz Flamini



Vernon Jackson

Barber gives back

Vernon Jackson, a barber in Cincinnati, Ohio, has given more than 300 free haircuts to children with special needs at his barber shop, Noble Barber and Beauty. When he heard that some children struggled with the loud, bustling atmosphere of barber shops, he decided to open his store on his day off to provide haircuts in a quiet space. As the news of Jackson's offer spread in his community, people began donating money to the cause. More than \$80,000 has been raised for Jackson's program, which he hopes to expand to other cities.

OVERHEARD



"Believe in your game and what you've done."

Anna Leigh Waters, 16-year-old American pickleball champion, on what she says to herself to maintain a healthy mindset during competitions



Animals and the environment

DID YOU KNOW?

Camels are born without humps and develop them as they grow up.



Dromedary camels

Animal personalities

Recent research on crows, fish, bees, and other creatures has shown that individual animals can have different personalities. Two experts in Scotland created a method to help researchers consider how these individual behavior patterns, such as boldly entering traps or shying away, might affect their study results.



A honeybee

Herd “outsiders” are problem-solvers

Life on the edge could be an advantage for animals. Sometimes, according to recent research, social outsiders are better at facing new situations and solving problems.

When animals are presented with something new or different in the wild, their first instinct is often to flee out of fear. To see if hooved animals would engage with an unfamiliar item, scientists studied 111 animals living at zoos in Spain and Germany, including impalas, gazelles, oryxes, camels, deer, sheep, giraffes, llamas, horses, and goats. The team chose species that live in groups and have complex diets, which may make them more adventurous. The

scientists categorized how likely the animals were to try new things. They also analyzed the social ranking of each individual animal based on how it interacted with others.

The researchers then presented the animals with covered plastic cups filled with some of their favorite treats, such as carrots, alfalfa, and food pellets. The team left the animals alone with the cups for up to 20 minutes or until the food was gone.

About 38% of the animals avoided the cups entirely. However, animals from species that live in complex social groups—as well as those that have been domesticated (when an animal lives with

humans)—were more likely to approach the cups. These animals seemed less afraid of people and new objects. In the end, 40 animals succeeded in removing the lids. The biggest winners were camels and goats. About 86% of the camels and 69% of the goats got the surprise inside the cup.

Individuals that were outcasts or low in social rank were more likely to explore the cups and find the prize. The researchers believe these animals are more inclined to try new things. “The ones that are on the margins of the groups are the ones that are eating less and have more problems surviving in nature,” researcher Álvaro Caicoya told *The New York Times*, “so those are the ones that normally take more risks to get food.” Because the experiment was completed in a controlled environment, scientists aren’t sure if the same results would occur in the wild.



Goats are curious about new objects.



PLACE OF THE WEEK

Little River Canyon National Preserve, Alabama
Nestled in the Southern Appalachian mountain range, this 15,288-acre preserve in northeast Alabama is home to the Little River Canyon, the deepest canyon in the state. The preserve has waterfalls, boulders, canyon rims, sandstone cliffs, and 26 miles of hiking trails. More than 147 bird species, 35 mammal species, and 40 fish species live here. These include the endangered blue shiner fish, black vultures, great blue herons, woodland voles, river otters, and green salamanders. Fishing, kayaking, and horseback riding are allowed in some parts of the park.



A black vulture



A gray-headed flying fox bat

Cool showers for flying fox bats

Hot Australian summers can mean danger for gray-headed flying fox bats. Once the thermometer rises above 104° F, the animals are at risk of overheating and becoming dehydrated. In one city, officials are tackling the problem by installing custom sprinklers to keep the bats cool.

In the city of Melbourne, summer temperatures have increased during the past 10 years, reaching as high as 114° F. Bats are nocturnal (most active at night), which helps them avoid the worst daytime heat. To keep cool, flying foxes

usually pant and fan their wings. But in extreme temperatures, those methods don't work. During a heat wave in 2019, more than 4,000 bats died.

This year, officials installed 32 sprinklers in Yarra Bend Park, home to a colony of about 35,000 bats. The sprinklers use filtered river water and resemble light rain showers. Officials said they cool the area by about 10° F. Once a bat discovered the water, "we had a whole heap of bats coming up and just flying through it," said chief park ranger Brendan Sullivan.

Animal of the week

Raccoon dog



Raccoon dogs are in the Canidae family with foxes and wolves. They recently attracted global attention when they appeared in a study that tested for chemical traces of animals at a market in Wuhan, China, where Covid-19 likely began.

- **LIFE SPAN:** 7 to 8 years
- **HABITAT:** Wooded areas in Asia and Europe
- **SIZE:** Up to 27 inches long and 22 pounds
- **DIET:** Birds, fruits, insects, plants, and rodents
- **FUN FACT:** Raccoon dogs are the only members of the Canidae family that hibernate.



Good week / Bad week



Fish in the Netherlands

A live webcam in the Dutch city of Utrecht is helping migrating fish pass through a dam. People can watch it at visdeurbel.nl and ring a virtual "fish doorbell" to alert the dam's lock-keeper when they see fish waiting at the gate.

Yellowstone bison

More than 1,100 bison from Yellowstone National Park were killed in order to prevent them from infecting nearby cattle with a dangerous disease. Bison had left the park to escape severe winter weather and search for food.



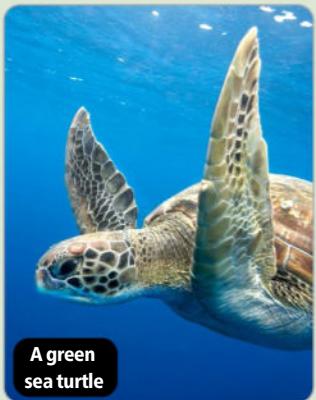
"Why is it that some sea turtles don't have beaks?"

Puakai, 10, California

Mike O'Neill

Manager, Giant Ocean Tank,
New England Aquarium

Species have different beak and jaw styles based on the food they eat. Hawksbills have long, pointy beaks, and loggerheads have bulkier beaks. These might help them eat crabs and clams. Green turtles have serrated beaks, which are great for ripping algae and seagrass off the seafloor.



A green sea turtle

Do you have a question for an animal expert? Send it to hello@theweekjunior.com. Find out more about the New England Aquarium at neaq.org.



Several nations, including the US, are working to send missions to the Moon.

MOON MYTHOLOGY
China's Chang'e-5 mission was named after the Chinese goddess of the Moon, Chang'e.

Water found in glass beads from Moon

Astronauts could find drinking water inside tiny glass beads scattered across the surface of the Moon, according to new research. The findings were released as NASA (the US space agency) and other space agencies undertake missions to send humans back to the Moon for the first time in more than 50 years.

The glass beads were discovered by a team of scientists in China and the UK. The researchers were studying rock samples collected by China's Chang'e-5 lunar rover (wheeled robot), which explored the surface of the Moon in 2020. Using a robotic arm, the rover scooped up 3.7 pounds of rock samples from the Moon's surface and brought them back to Earth.

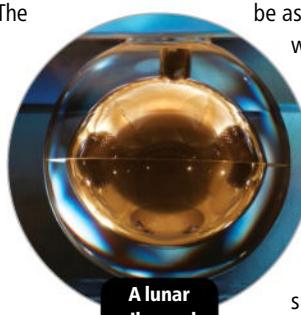
The beads, known as spherules, are each less than 0.03 inches wide. They were formed millions of years ago when meteoroids (small lumps of rock or iron that orbit the Sun) collided with the Moon. When that happens, the crash sends up droplets of hot, melting rock that rain down and mix with Moon dust. When solar wind (a stream of particles released by the Sun that includes parts of hydrogen atoms) reaches the Moon, hydrogen meets oxygen in

the beads. This creates water, which becomes locked inside the beads when they cool.

Scientists first detected evidence of water on the Moon in the 1990s and believe there is frozen water inside dark craters at the Moon's north and south poles. However, researchers think the glass beads could be scattered all over the Moon. They estimate that there could be as much as 300 billion tons of water stored in the beads.

Astronauts on future lunar missions could have a natural source of water, which would be fairly straightforward to obtain. "It's not that you can shake the material and water starts dripping out," said Mahesh Anand, one of the study's authors. "But there's evidence that when the temperature of this material goes above 212° F, it will start to come out and can be harvested," Anand said. When heated, the water would come out as a gas, which becomes liquid when it cools.

As part of its Artemis mission, NASA hopes to land people on the Moon in 2025. Other nations including India, Russia, and China also have plans to visit the Moon in the coming years.



A lost Moon lander



The Hakuto-R lander

On April 24, a private Japanese space company called Ispacel lost contact with its robotic Moon lander, called Hakuto-R, that was attempting to land on the lunar surface. "We have to assume...that we could not complete the landing on the lunar surface," said Takeshi Hakamada, the founder and chief executive officer of the company.

With this mission, Ispacel had hoped to be the first private company to put a spacecraft on the Moon. Hakuto-R would also have been the first vehicle built in Japan to land there. The company will continue attempting to reach its lander. Though the mission did not end as planned, Hakamada expressed pride in the effort. "We have already achieved many things," he said.



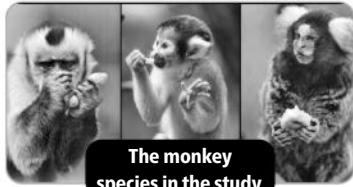
Monkeys can be fooled by magic tricks

Monkeys with opposable thumbs can be fooled by a basic magic trick, a new study found. Humans, like many primates, have opposable thumbs, which move freely and let us grip things.

The study used a classic trick called the French drop, which involves a magician making an object "disappear." The magician holds a coin in their right hand. They reach over with their left hand and seem to

grab the coin. But when the magician opens the left hand, it isn't there. The audience is fooled into thinking the magician made the coin disappear. In reality, the magician put the coin back in their right hand.

The team performed this trick with a piece of food, not a coin, for three



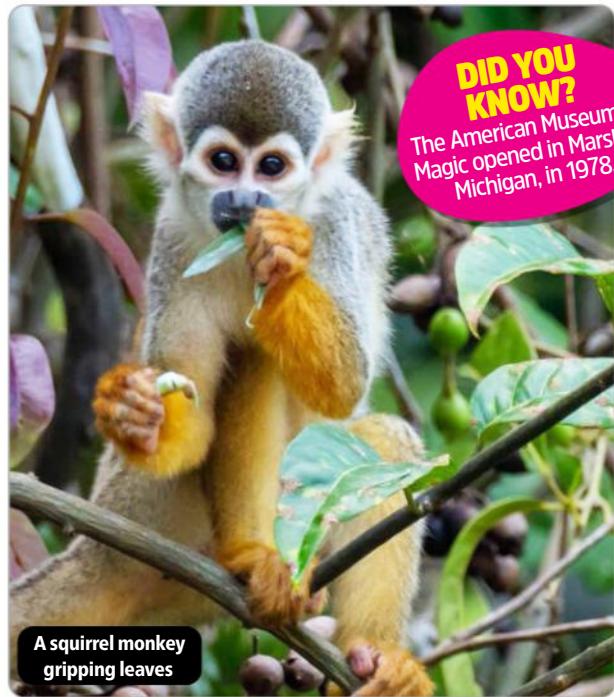
The monkey species in the study

species of monkeys—capuchins, squirrel monkeys, and marmosets. Capuchins have opposable thumbs and use them to grip stone tools. Squirrel monkeys have opposable thumbs but cannot grip as well as capuchins. Meanwhile, marmosets don't have

opposable thumbs.

Capuchins were fooled by the trick more than 80% of the time, and squirrel monkeys more than 90%.

But marmosets fell for it only 6% of the time. The findings suggest that being able to perform a physical act, like grabbing food, makes monkeys more likely to expect others to perform that act. If they can't do it, they don't assume others can. That's why marmosets didn't think the team had grabbed the food.



DID YOU KNOW?
The American Museum of Magic opened in Marshall, Michigan, in 1978.



A giant African land snail

Early humans ate giant land snails

Humans in Africa about 160,000 to 70,000 years ago ate snails as big as a person's hand, according to a new study. This is the oldest known evidence of humans eating snails. Until now, scientists did not think snails were a big part of human diets until 10,000 to 15,000 years ago.

The study analyzed ancient shell fragments found in Border Cave in South Africa. Many of the shells were discolored, had a dull finish, and had very thin cracks. These

are all indications that the shells had been burned. The researchers believe this happened when the snails were cooked over a fire.

Large land snails were nutritious. "The easy-to-eat, fatty protein of snails would have been an important food for the elderly and small children," said Marine Wojcieszak, an author of the study. The findings raise questions about whether people ate snails because other foods were not available at the time.



A robot to protect birds from planes



The RobotFalcon

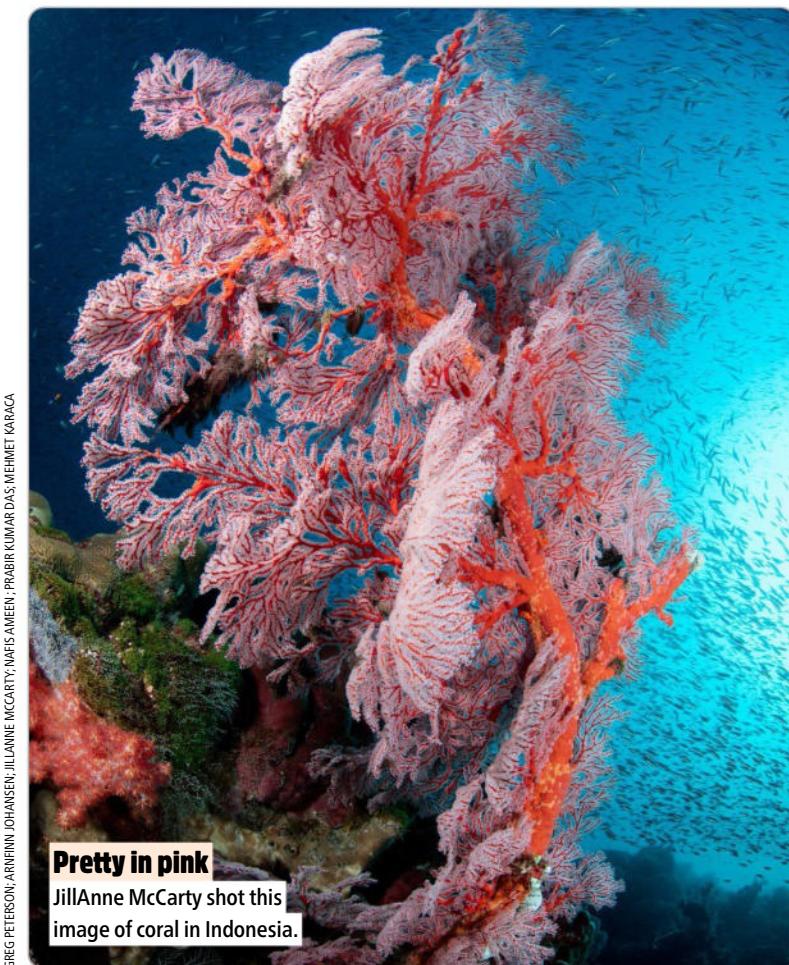
Scientists in the Netherlands designed a flying robot to prevent collisions between birds and airplanes, which kill birds and damage planes. Many airports use birds of prey, like falcons, to chase birds away and keep them safe. But live falcons are costly and hard to care for.

The RobotFalcon looks and moves like a real falcon but is made from fiberglass and foam. It has a propeller on each wing and a camera on its head for remote steering. In tests, it was as effective as a real bird of prey and more effective than drones that don't look like falcons.



Photos of the week

ANNUAL
SMITHSONIAN
MAGAZINE
PHOTO CONTEST
FINALISTS



GREG PETERSON; ARNFINN JOHANSEN; JILLANNE MCCARTY; NAJAF AMEEN; PRAIRI KUMAR DAS; MEHMET KARACA



Photos of the week



Snowy scene

Arnfinn Johansen took this photo of two hares at night in Norway.



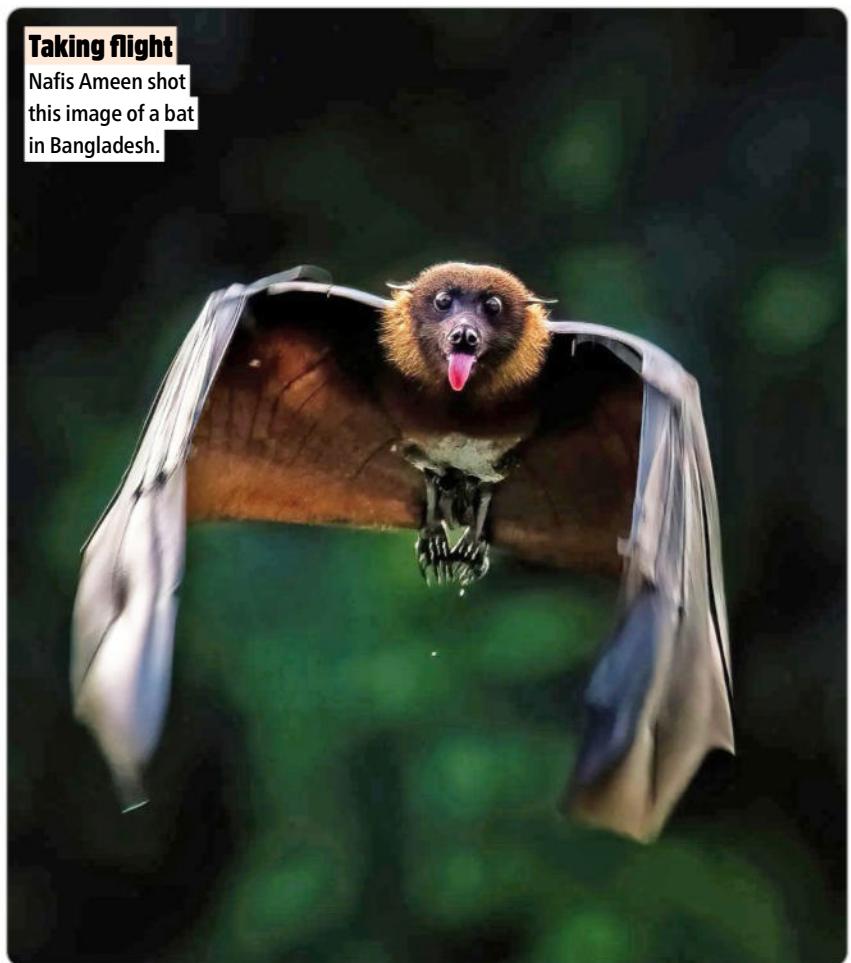
On the run

Prabir Kumar Das captured one rhino chasing another in India.



Let's chat

This picture of wood ducks in Canada was taken by Greg Peterson.



Taking flight

Nafis Ameen shot this image of a bat in Bangladesh.



Sports



Kirsten Neuschäfer

The race's first winner



A British sailor named Sir Robin Knox-Johnston won the first Golden Globe Race, which ran from 1968 to 1969. He was one of nine sailors to attempt the journey and became the first person to sail solo and nonstop around the globe. It took him 312 days to complete the trip.

Historic win in global sailing race

On April 27, Kirsten Neuschäfer of South Africa won the Golden Globe Race, a solo, nonstop circumnavigation (around the world) sailing competition. She completed her journey in 233 days, 20 hours, 43 minutes, 47 seconds. She was the only female skipper in the race and is the only woman who has ever won it.

The competition is based on the Sunday Times Golden Globe Race of 1968. The second time it was held was in 2018. A unique aspect of the race is that no electronic instruments or devices, including satellite-based navigation, computers, smartphones, and tablets, are allowed. Skippers navigate using the Sun, stars, and simple calculations.



Abhilash Tomy

Neuschäfer and 15 other skippers each set sail from Les Sables-d'Olonne, France, on September 4, 2022. All the yachts were between 32 and 36 feet long and, as a rule, were designed before 1988. Elliot Smith, age 27, was the only American in the race and the youngest skipper. He retired from the competition in January.

The race route went around the world's five Great Capes (points of land extending into the ocean), including Africa's Cape of Good Hope, Australia's Cape Leeuwin, and South America's Cape Horn, before returning to Les Sables-d'Olonne. The skippers could seek shelter and drop their anchor for repairs at sea but could not enter a port or receive outside help.

By the time Neuschäfer returned to France, only two other sailors were still on track to finish without stopping. What made her feat even more impressive is that during the race, she helped rescue a fellow competitor whose boat sank.

Neuschäfer said after the race that she often spoke to her boat, Minnehaha, during the trip, and she called the excitement of the crowd at the finish "the most memorable" part of her experience. She added that being part of a group of mixed-gender competitors was important to her. "I wanted to win, not as a woman," she said. "I didn't want to be in a separate category but to compete on equal terms with all the skippers."

Abhilash Tomy, who is from India, finished second. He attempted the journey in 2018 and is the only person who has entered the race twice.

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS...

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

In the playoffs, two wild card teams knocked out two top teams in Game 7 action. On April 30, the Florida Panthers beat the Boston Bruins, 4–3, in overtime. This year, the Bruins had set an NHL record for most wins in a season. Also that day, the Seattle Kraken, who began playing in the NHL in the 2021–2022 season, eliminated the reigning NHL champions, the Colorado Avalanche, with a 2–1 win.



Stephen Curry (left)

BASKETBALL

The Golden State Warriors beat the Sacramento Kings, 120–100, in Game 7 of their NBA playoff series on April 30. Warriors star Stephen Curry scored 50 points, a record for a Game 7.

SOCCER

In an April 29 match with Angel City FC, Bella Bixby of the Portland Thorns became the second goalkeeper in National Women's Soccer League history to score a goal, securing a 3–3 draw for her undefeated team.

Sports



FUN FACT

The first US stadium to have a scoreboard was Franklin Field at the University of Pennsylvania.



Ole Miss wins the 4x800-meter relay.

Thrilling weekend at Penn Relays

The Penn Relays, the oldest track and field competition in the US, took place at Franklin Field from April 27–29 at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

The meet had more than 300 events and over 15,000 participants, including students, elite athletes, and Special Olympians (athletes with intellectual disabilities). In the past, high school girls raced on the first two days, while the boys raced the second and third days, which meant they had bigger crowds. This year, the order was flipped and it will alternate in the future.

One of the most famous athletes at the meet was 2020 US Olympian Devon Allen, who also plays for the Philadelphia Eagles football team. He won the 110-meter hurdles event last year and again this year in an excitingly close finish, edging out Brazil's Rafael Pereira by 0.002 of a second.

In the Olympic Development division (for elite athletes not in college), two-time US Olympian Ajee' Wilson won the women's 600-meter race by .51 of a second. She grew up in New Jersey and ran at the Penn Relays in high school. In the women's 200-meter race, the winner was Shawnti Jackson, age 17, the top young sprinter in the US.

The University of Mississippi, known as Ole Miss, became the first college team in a decade to repeat as the men's 4x800-meter relay champion. Meanwhile, Providence College came from behind to beat Oklahoma State University by .35 seconds in the women's 4x1,500-meter championship. Athletes who broke Penn Relays records included the University of Arizona's Jordan Geist in men's shot put and the University of Michigan's Kayla Windemuller in the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase (an obstacle race).



COACH OF THE WEEK

Coach's Name: **Mike Sullivan**

Team: **Mountain Racing Ski Team**

"Coach Mike has been a wonderful coach for four years. He always gives us pointers to improve how we race. He makes our ski racing drills fun and lets kids choose the drills. If you mess up, he pushes you in the right direction. He is kind and enthusiastic about what he does. He loves coaching our small ski team because he gets to connect with all his athletes." Erin, 11, Wisconsin



To nominate a Coach of the Week, send your coach's name, photo, sport, and team to hello@theweekjunior.com. Include your name, age, state, and a few reasons why your coach is great.

SPOTLIGHT ON...



Claire Dalton

AGE: 23 SPORT: ICE HOCKEY

TEAM: YALE UNIVERSITY

Family game I'm part of a big family, and all my older cousins played hockey, so I wanted to be like them. My dad also played. I was, and still am, super competitive, so hockey was a good way to channel that into something productive.

Off-the-ice icon My role model is tennis player Serena Williams. She is never satisfied with what she has and is always striving to be better. I aim to be constantly in pursuit of improvement, just like her.



Bed benefit I am at my best mentally when I get lots of rest. This means going to bed early as often as possible and getting eight or more hours of sleep every night.

Pep talk I try to implement a lot of positive self-talk during big games. I don't play well when I am overthinking and constantly criticizing myself. It's helpful when I remind myself that I'm capable of making a positive contribution to the game.

Winning ways My freshman year, we won eight of 29 games—every year since, we've gotten better. Last year, we won 26 games! In 2021–2022, we made the national semifinals, the farthest the team had ever gone. I'm proud that we've pushed the program to being a national championship contender. This year, we won the Ivy League title and the conference regular season title.

Cool group The people I've met through hockey, whether it's coaches, teammates, or support staff, are some of the most important people in my life. My teammates are my best friends, and those friendships will last forever.



Arts and entertainment



DID YOU KNOW?
A bronze statue of Amelia Earhart is on display at the US Capitol Building in Washington, DC.

The Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum

Amelia Earhart museum opens

An airplane hangar in the legendary pilot's Kansas hometown features a special plane and interactive exhibits.

A new museum dedicated to world-famous American pilot Amelia Earhart has opened in Atchison, Kansas. The Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum, which is at the Amelia Earhart Memorial Airport, features a plane that is identical to one that Earhart famously flew.

Earhart was born in Atchison in 1897. In 1928, she became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, and in 1932 she was the first woman to do it solo—and in record time. In 1937, while attempting to fly a Lockheed Electra 10-E airplane around the world, she disappeared.



Amelia Earhart

What happened to Earhart, navigator Fred Noonan, and their plane remains a mystery.

Earhart is revered as a pioneer and someone who fought for gender equality. "She was so far beyond her time," the museum's founder, Karen Seaberg, told *The Week Junior*.

At the center of the museum is a Lockheed Electra 10-E that was built in 1935 and is just like Earhart's. It is named Muriel in honor of her sister. The museum has glass walls so people at the airport can see Muriel even if they do not come inside. For decades, the plane belonged to a female pilot. It had been housed at an airfield in El

Cajon, California, and it had to be taken apart and driven more than 1,200 miles to get it to Kansas. A team spent several days putting it back together.

The museum is also filled with interactive exhibits that combine history and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics).

Visitors can listen to engine sounds and feel what it's like to sit in a tiny cockpit or drive in the rivets that hold a plane together. They can also learn about navigation, other female pilots, and more.

Seaberg said one of the museum's goals is to get people excited about jobs in the field of aviation. A bigger goal is to inspire visitors to pursue their dreams, just like Earhart did. "You can do it," she said. "You just have to persevere."

3 more amazing aviators

Bessie Coleman

Born in 1892, she was the first woman of African American and Native American descent to become a licensed pilot in the US. She was known for doing tricks in the air.



Jeana Yeager

In 1986, she and fellow pilot Dick Rutan were the first people to fly around the world without stopping or refueling. Yeager helped build their aircraft, Voyager. Their historic trip took nine days.



Jessica Cox

She was born without arms and uses her feet to do tasks—including fly a plane. In 2008, she became the first armless person to get a pilot's license. She is the subject of a film called *Right Footed*.





Arts and entertainment



Families in 1000%
Me: Growing Up Mixed

Mixed-race kids share their stories

The new documentary *1000% Me: Growing Up Mixed* is giving kids who identify as mixed race (being from two or more races) and their families a chance to open up about their life experiences. It was made by W. Kamau Bell, an award-winning comedian, producer, and director. It is now streaming on Max.

Bell, who is Black, is married to a woman who is white and they have three daughters together. He told *The Week Junior* that the idea for the film came from their own desire to better understand their children and how they perceive the world, which is different from the way he and his wife each see it.

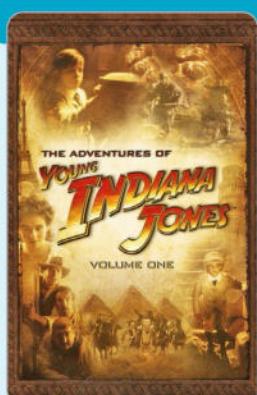
Growing Up Mixed features 11 kids, ranging in age from 7 to 16. The participants include two of Bell's daughters, a boy who is Black and Filipino American, and a girl who is Black and Latina. They



W. Kamau Bell

answer Bell's questions about navigating their identities, while their parents talk about raising their children in a multiracial home. Bell said he was surprised at the depth and sensitivity of the kids' responses. "They were all saying that being mixed race is not about breaking yourself into parts," he said. "It's about being more at once, not less."

Although the families who are shown in the film do not represent all races, Bell said his goal was to "get the conversation started or put the conversation out there in a new way." He added that there is something for kids who aren't mixed race to learn from the documentary, too. "I hope it's a way to understand that you may not think about your race, but that doesn't mean other people aren't thinking about their race—or that they shouldn't."



READER RECOMMENDS

The Adventures of Young Indiana Jones (Apple TV, Vudu)

"If you enjoy early 20th-century history, historical fiction, or you're just a fan of the character Indiana Jones from films, this show is perfect for you. The series, also known as *The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles*, features the daring escapades of Indiana Jones from the ages of 8 to 10 and 16 to 21. Young Indy explores Egypt with his father, dodges enemy fire during World War I, meets historical figures, and more. Learning real historical facts as you watch makes the show twice as exciting. This is a must-watch for adventure-seeking history buffs!" Caleb, 14, Georgia

Do you have a film or TV show to recommend to other kids? Send your review to hello@theweekjunior.com.

THIS WEEK'S WATCH LIST



Harriet the Spy

(Apple TV+)

The animated series, adapted from Louise Fitzhugh's books, follows 11-year-old aspiring writer Harriet M. Welsch, who lives in New York City in the 1960s. Season two's new episodes will bring more trouble-filled adventures as Harriet searches for new stories to write about.



The Great British Baking Show: Juniors

(Netflix)

This spin-off of the popular baking competition series *The Great British Bake Off* has 16 talented young bakers from across the UK. They will be put to the test as they try to wow expert judges by creating elaborate desserts.



Star Wars Visions

(Disney+)

Volume two of this series delivers nine new short films that each tell a tale from the *Star Wars* franchise. The films, which are in the style of Japanese anime, were made by different animation studios and offer new perspectives on well-known storylines and characters.



On screen

**COMING
SOON**

The Lucas Museum of Narrative Art, which was co-founded by Star Wars creator George Lucas, is due to open in Los Angeles, California, in 2025.



Star Wars
Jedi: Survivor

A Star Wars game continues

Star Wars Jedi: Survivor is a new action-adventure sci-fi game. It is out now for the PlayStation 5, Xbox systems, and PC. It is rated Teen for mild language and violence.

Survivor is a sequel to the popular game Star Wars Jedi: Fallen Order, which was released in 2019. Both take place in the galaxy that is the setting for the *Star Wars* films and TV series. Fallen Order revolved around Padawan (Jedi knight apprentice) Cal Kestis. In the game's story, the democratic Republic had fallen, and evil Darth Vader's Galactic Empire was taking control of the galaxy.

The new game picks up the story five years later. It is narrated by Cal's mentor, Cere Junda. Cal is now a full Jedi, and he's powerful, brave, and pretty good at outsmarting the bad guys. He has to work with the few Jedi left in the galaxy to

find a safe haven where Darth Vader can't get them. Cal is joined by his droid, BD-1, a popular character from the first game.

Cal has become a master of the lightsaber, and he can use them five different ways, including battling with two at the same time. He can also call on friends to help him with special attacks. One type of enemy, the Gen'Dai, is tough to beat because it can regenerate limbs.

As a Jedi, Cal's use of The Force, a mysterious energy field, is also key, especially as he takes on enemies. The Force also helps him jump, glide, and fling across long distances. Another way to travel is on rideable beasts. The game's technical director, Jon Carr, said it's worth checking out every setting. "We've crafted a lot of really cool stuff everywhere for people to go and find," he said. "So I definitely encourage players to explore and look around."



WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

WE THE CHILDREN

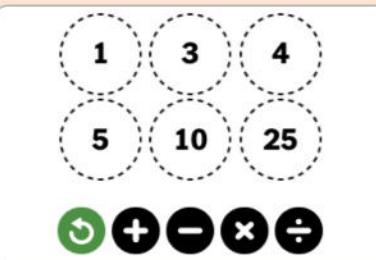
wethechildrenpodcast.com

A boy named Zach, age 11, hosts this show. In each episode, he speaks with earth science experts and environmental leaders about issues affecting the planet and how to solve them. The show also includes fun trivia games and ideas for what listeners can do to help the environment.



PODCAST OF THE WEEK

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK



DIGITS

nytgames.com/games/digits

The New York Times, owners of the popular Wordle game, is testing a new game that is solved with math. In each level, you are given six numbers and a target number. The goal is to use the correct mix of addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division to get as close to the target as you can.

VIDEO OF THE WEEK

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WHY DO SUPERMARKET EGGS LOOK PERFECT?

tinyurl.com/TWJUS-SupermarketEggs

Get an inside look at one part of the process that eggs go through as they make the journey from farm to store. At a packing center, you will see machines test the eggs' strength and learn about why some eggs are rejected from being sold.





**THIS MONTH'S
BOOK CLUB PICK**

The One and Only Ruby

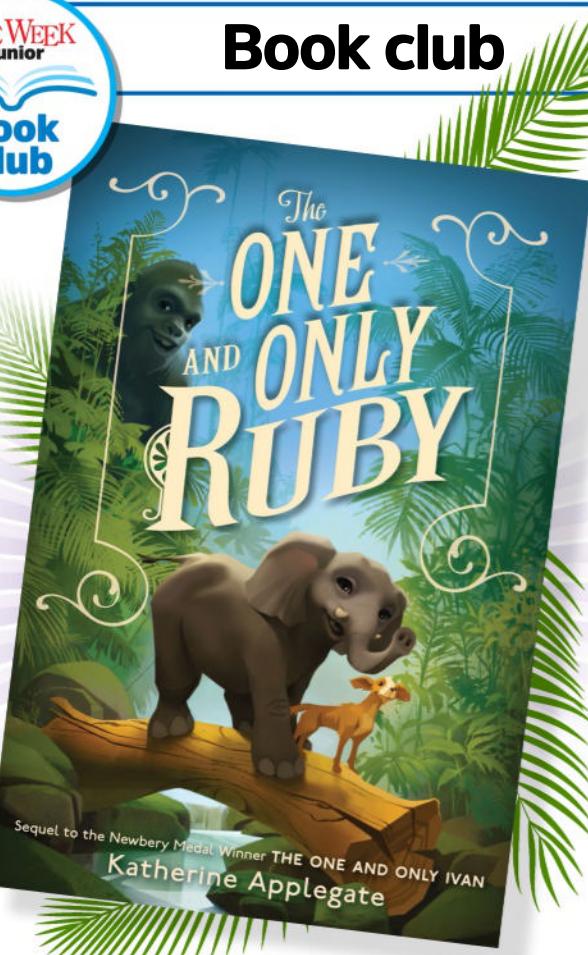
By Katherine Applegate,
illustrated by Patricia Castelao
(Harper)

Ruby, a young elephant, has a secret: She hates her tusks. For the other elephants who live at a wildlife sanctuary, tusks are a big deal. They even hold a Tuskday ceremony when a little elephant's tusks come in. But Ruby hides when it's time to practice for the ceremony. Tusks are the reason her mom is no longer alive. Ruby was born in the African savanna, and poachers killed her mom so they could get her tusks and sell them. (Elephant tusks are made of ivory, a valuable material.) For the first time, Ruby tells her animal friends, Ivan and Bob, exactly what happened during her first few weeks of life. Talking about her past helps Ruby embrace her future. Will she be able to go through with the ceremony? While this story is the third title in the One and Only Ivan series, you don't need to have read the previous books to enjoy it. You may feel sad reading about Ruby's past, but there are plenty of jokes to lighten the mood. The illustrations that depict the body language of the elephants are fascinating.

WIN A BOOK!

We're giving away one signed copy of *The One and Only Ruby*.

For a chance to win, send your name and address to contests@theweekjunior.com with Ruby in the subject line. Enter by midnight on May 26. See theweekjunior.com/terms for complete rules.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR YOUR BOOK CLUB

Written in first person from the point of view of a young elephant, this emotional story lends itself to discussion with friends and family who have also read the book. Here are some questions to help get your book club conversation started.

Should Ruby have to attend the tusk ceremony? Why or why not?

What did you learn about Ruby from her body language?

How is Ruby's personality different from Ivan's?

What do you think was the story's turning point?

How have the hardships in Ruby's life made her stronger?

What do you think are the top challenges that elephants face?

How did this book make you feel?

Is this your favorite book in the series? Why or why not?



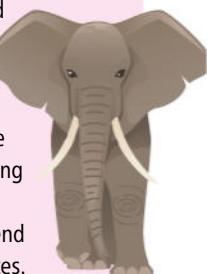
Ask the author

In 2013, Katherine Applegate won the Newbery Medal for *The One and Only Ivan*, a novel about a gorilla who lived in a cage at a mall. It was turned into a book series. *The Week Junior* spoke to her about her new book in the series, *The One and Only Ruby*.



How did you research elephants?

I have many elephant-related books and also did online research. The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee has an online "Elecams" where you can watch elephants rolling in the mud and doing playful things. I also highly recommend the videos from ElephantVoices.



Where do you keep your Newbery Medal?

I'm not sure where it is exactly—it's stored away for safekeeping. I know an author who keeps his medal in the freezer!



Do you have pets?

We rescued a pug from a shelter. I named her Boss, after Bob's sibling in *The One and Only Bob*. She rules our household, including our older, bigger dog.

What are your summer plans?

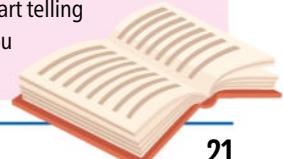
I'm taking a vacation and spending time with my sisters. I will also finish writing the last book in *The One and Only Ivan* series. It will come out around this time next year.

What book made you a reader?

When I started school, I thought books were boring, silly, and frustrating. In third grade, my teacher read *Charlotte's Web* to the class and I saw books in a different way. The following year, I wrote a story about a wild pig named Alice, which is my middle name.

Anything you want kids to know?

The moment you start telling stories is the day you become a writer.



JOIN THE WEEK JUNIOR'S BOOK CLUB

Watch a special video Katherine Applegate created for *The Week Junior* and learn more about how our monthly book club works at kids.theweekjunior.com/bookclub.



Make a difference

Junior Council members report on how kids can help animals and the environment.

When the 12 members of *The Week Junior's* Junior Council began meeting for the Spring 2023 session, they decided they wanted to use their voices to raise awareness about the importance of protecting animals and the environment. The children came up with specific ideas, conducted research on the topic, interviewed experts, and wrote their stories. We hope their work inspires you to take action! If you do, write to us about it at hello@theweekjunior.com.

SUPPORT PET FOSTERING AND ADOPTION

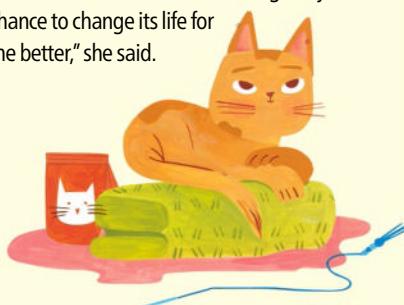


By Saranya, 13, Virginia

There are many animals in shelters waiting to be placed in loving homes. Here are three ways you can help.

Consider fostering.

Fostering is when an animal, such as a dog or cat, lives temporarily in a home while it waits to be adopted. Animals that are fostered can get more attention than they would in a shelter. Fostering can also help people figure out whether they are able to permanently take care of a pet, said Rena Lafaille, director of administration at the ASPCA Adoption Center in New York City. "Helping an animal learn to love and be loved gives you the chance to change its life for the better," she said.



Adopt a pet.

If your family is ready to care for a pet permanently, adopting from a shelter has many benefits. For example, you can ask workers questions about the animal's behavior to make sure it's a match for your family. Lafaille said shelter workers can share an animal's medical needs, energy levels, and how it might get along with other animals.

Educate friends. Create flyers or give presentations to other kids in your area to help spread the word about the benefits of fostering and adopting pets. Your efforts can make a difference to animals in need!

USE YOUR VOICE TO SPEAK UP FOR WILDLIFE



By Viviana, 11, New Mexico

At the state capitol in Santa Fe, New Mexico, students recently spoke in support of Senate Bill 9, which would fund programs to protect New Mexico's wildlife. It's amazing when students ask questions and come to legislative hearings, said Sarah Cottrell Propst, the state's cabinet secretary for energy, minerals, and natural resources department. Kids' voices do make a difference in the eyes of lawmakers, she said. When I spoke to students at the capitol, they shared their advice on using your voice.

Rally support. Check a local government's website to see when a public hearing for a law that affects animals will take place. Ask an adult if you can attend. Or ask your school if it could



plan a field trip to a local government office so more kids can attend. "It's helpful to have school support behind you," said Lemuel, one of the students who spoke.

Prepare a speech. Gather facts about the law that will be discussed, using trusted websites, like those that end in .edu, .org, or .gov. Decide which points you want to make and write your speech. Several students said memorizing and practicing their remarks made them feel less nervous about speaking.

Speak up. When you speak up, lawmakers will realize you want to be part of the solution. James, another student, said it's important not to sit back: "You have to be the one speaking because that's how you solve problems."

UNDERSTAND HOW THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST WORKS



By Sam, 10, New Hampshire

When an animal species is classified as endangered, it means it's in danger of going extinct (no longer existing). Under the United States' Endangered Species Act (ESA), endangered species have special protections to help increase their populations. Thanks to the ESA, numbers of grizzly bears have increased, and the bald eagle has been saved from disappearing. States also have their own endangered species lists.

As a wildlife biologist with the New Hampshire fish and game department, Heidi Holman monitors wildlife populations to determine if any species are at risk of extinction. "I do a species status assessment, which is a very formal scientific document that looks at all the information about a species," said Holman. She collects facts including what it eats and how its habitat is changing. "We're trying to protect species from extinction," she added.

If a species does get added to the list, its numbers usually begin to increase, which benefits the ecosystem as well. For example, the Karner blue butterfly is legally protected in New Hampshire. The butterfly is an umbrella species, meaning it supports other wildlife that lives in its unique pine barren habitat. One way it does this is by pollinating a variety of wildflowers!



How to...



TUNE IN TO YOUR PET'S FEELINGS

By Kyle, 10, California

You may not realize it, but animals have emotions like we do. They just have different ways of expressing them. "The question isn't whether they're feeling them but what they're feeling," said Marc Bekoff, a biologist at the University of Colorado Boulder. Here is his advice.

Look for signs. When dogs wag their tail, this could indicate that they are happy, excited, or anxious. When cats' hair stands on end, it may mean they are feeling scared or stressed. When threatened or angry, dogs might bark and cats may hiss. But it may be harder for humans to understand how other pets, such as lizards and snakes, are feeling. You might notice, though, that a lizard that feels afraid retreats to a corner to hide. Bekoff suggests video-recording your pet, whether it's a reptile or mammal, to observe and better understand it.

Keep notes. Try writing down what you notice about your pet's reactions in a journal so you can identify patterns in their behavior. Later, you can look back on your notes and learn to recognize your pet's responses when, for example, they're feeling tired or happy.

Enjoy the benefits of tuning in.

Understanding your pet's emotions can help you feel empathy for all animals, said Bekoff. This could lead to advocating for animals, such as by protecting wildlife or eating less meat. Being tuned in to our pets' feelings can have mental health benefits as well. By strengthening our connection to pets, both humans and animals are happier.



CHANGE EVERYDAY HABITS TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT

By Ryan, 10, New York

Making smart changes at home can decrease the amount of trash we produce and help animals. A lot of human-made trash ends up in the environment, which can destroy the habitats of animals and harm them, said Lauren Boccardi of the Nature Conservancy. In the ocean, turtles, fish, and porpoises can get stuck in various plastics, and birds may end up unintentionally eating plastic. Here are three ways you and your family can take action to make a difference.



Think before you buy. When shopping for clothes, try to buy only what you need—for example, to replace clothes you have outgrown. Before you buy anything, always ask yourself, "Do I need this? Could I borrow it or buy it used?" One idea is to go thrifting at secondhand stores, where you may find fun clothes at great deals.

Decrease food waste. The food you throw away can end up in landfills, which take up a huge amount of space and reduce the natural resources available to animals. One way to waste less food is to "shop the pantry," said Nena Shaw of the Environmental Protection Agency. While making a grocery list, check your cabinets. Use what you own first, before it goes bad or ends up in the trash. You could also plan a "leftovers night."

REMEMBER THAT SCARY ANIMALS NEED PROTECTING

By Jai, 8, Connecticut

You might think animals like snakes and sharks are scary, but they are important to our world. For instance, snakes eat rats, which can spread disease.

These creatures play an important role in our ecosystem, said Charlotte Reemts, a scientist at the Nature Conservancy. Here are some surprising facts about how animals that seem frightening actually help the world.

They control populations. Wolves are apex (top) predators that eat large herbivores like deer and elk. If herbivores became overpopulated, they would eat so many plants and trees that less oxygen would be available, which isn't good for the environment. Wolves, which prey on these animals, help maintain a healthy balance of herbivores by lowering their numbers.

They maintain ecosystems. Without sharks, the ocean's ecosystem would fall out of balance. By preying on fish, sharks help coral reefs and seagrass thrive. That's because the fish would overfeed on the coral reefs and seagrass. The loss of sharks could lead to an increase in carbon dioxide levels in the ocean. Sharks play a role in reducing carbon dioxide because they eat dead animals in the ocean that are releasing the toxic gas. Without sharks, the carbon dioxide would rise into the atmosphere, contributing to climate change.

They lead to human discovery. Some snakes have the ability to see heat. This skill has helped scientists learn how to create cameras that can detect the heat of other living things. Likewise, bats' use of echolocation (locating objects using sound) has inspired inventions like sonar and radar, which are used in submarines to navigate deep, dark ocean water.

Humans have also developed navigational aids based on echolocation, similar to what bats use. We can all help protect these important animals by spreading awareness of their place in the world and advocating for their habitats to be preserved.





How to...

BE A FRIEND TO BEES



By Andrew, 12, Virginia

Bees pollinate about 75% of the fruits, nuts, and vegetables grown in the US. Despite this, bees are losing their habitat and are at risk of going extinct.

The good news is you can help. By planting native plants, you can replace bees' lost habitat. Here's how to get started.

Identify where you could grow native plants. You can plant a flower garden in the ground or in containers. For smaller spaces, you can use windowsill plant trays or planter pots designed for stoops, patios, or balconies. Another idea is to ask an adult to help you identify an appropriate place to tend a garden outside your home. Look for community garden plots near you. Finally, helping friends or grandparents plant and maintain their own gardens with native plants is another way to be a friend to bees.



Plant seeds. Ask an adult to help you buy seeds for flowering plants that are native to your area. Whether you're starting with a tray or a pot to grow your seeds, use soil that is made for starting seeds. You can also make your own by combining 2 parts peat moss and 1 part of perlite or vermiculite. Place the seed just under the surface of the soil and water it. Give the seed access to sunlight, and water daily. Watch the plant grow and, if needed, replant it in a bigger pot or area. Watch bees pollinate the plants.

Care for your garden. Continue to water your flowers as necessary. Do not use pesticides, which are very harmful to bees. Pesticides can disrupt learning and memory, which can cause a bee to forget where its hive is and ultimately die. Insects aren't the only ones affected. Pesticides can also be harmful to humans and other animals.

HOLD FUNDRAISING DRIVES TO SUPPORT ANIMAL SHELTERS



By Nishka, 11, Virginia

Contributing to a drive for pet supplies in your school or local area—or starting a drive—can be a great way to support your nearest animal shelter.

"We have a lot of young people who contact us to volunteer," said Gina Lynch of the Humane Society of Fairfax County, Virginia. She notes that while many children may be too young to volunteer in shelters, collecting food and supplies for the animals is something kids of all ages can do. "A lot of shelters can't afford to buy new items," she said. Here's how you can start collecting items they need.

Check with your local shelter to find out their needs. Remember to ask if they have restrictions on donations they accept. "We ask people to avoid donating cat toys with feathers," Lynch said. "They can get stuck in cats' mouths."



According to Lynch, helpful items typically include food, treats, toys, beds, blankets, and old sheets and towels. "If a cat or a dog falls in love with a certain blanket or bed, we send it home with them when they get adopted so they can have familiar surroundings," Lynch said.

Choose a date, time, and collection spot. Working with a parent, teacher, or scout leader, determine the best day or several days to hold your drive and where to have collection sites. For example, a local grocery store may let you keep a collection box near the entrance.

Get the word out. Make posters and flyers to distribute so more people know about the drive. Work with other volunteers to divide up the task of posting the flyers around town.

LEARN HOW LAWS PROTECT ANIMALS



By Oliver, 11, California

Many animals are threatened by habitat destruction, but laws can help protect their homes. A recent example is the passage of a federal regulation (government rule) that protects the Tongass National Forest in Alaska. The Tongass is the largest temperate rainforest in the world, spanning nearly 17 million acres. (A temperate rainforest is a forest where there is a lot of rain and moderate temperatures ranging between 32° F to 68° F.)

Animals in the Tongass benefit from the law because it protects the ancient forest from having roads built through it and prevents the logging of trees. This law saves trees that are hundreds of years old and are home to many wild animals.

Some of the animals in the Tongass that benefit from the protection include the Sitka black-tailed deer, which is a small brown-gray deer with a black tail. Its population is about 200,000. Another one is the coastal black bear. Adult coastal black bears are up to six feet tall and can weigh 180 to 200 pounds. They benefit the environment by dispersing seeds they eat, which helps to increase the plant population. Another animal that is expected to thrive is the marten, which is a long, weasel-like mammal that weighs up to four pounds. Martens have struggled to grow their population due to over-trapping and commercial logging.

Gregory Dunn, a wildlife biologist with the US Forest Service, said laws like the one protecting the Tongass are important to these amazing animals and to the future generations of people who will be able to enjoy them. If you want to help more of these laws get written and passed, Dunn said, you can contact your state lawmakers or your mayor to tell them about your ideas and your concerns about animals. One website where you can find your local lawmakers is openstates.org/find_your_legislator/.





ADVOCATE FOR SCHOOLS TO HAVE THERAPY DOGS



By Shrey, 10,
Massachusetts

When I had anxiety, my dog, Ollie, helped me overcome it with his constant affection.

This experience led me to believe that having therapy dogs at school might benefit children dealing with daily stresses, anxieties, and grief.

Therapy dogs are trained to provide comfort and support to people, and they often work in schools, hospitals, and retirement homes. They can be integrated in various ways. At some schools, therapy dogs live permanently with a staff member who brings the dog to work with them. These dogs can become permanent



TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS TO RAISE ANIMAL AWARENESS



By Madison, 11, Minnesota

You can help animals just by taking pictures of them. Brian Skerry, a photojournalist and film producer for *National Geographic*, said that capturing animals in photos or on video can help people realize that they aren't that different from us. Viewing these images could inspire you and others to help care for them. Here are Skerry's ideas to help you get started.

Photograph the animals you love. If you have pets, they make great animals to photograph. They're always around, so you can capture them at different times of the day. You may also want to try to photograph them doing something fun, such as playing with a toy or running in the yard.

Experiment with photo composition. Photo composition is when you decide how to arrange the objects in your camera's frame. To start, try to have the animal in the middle of the photo. Once you've mastered that, Skerry suggested getting creative and placing your animal on one side of the frame and including other items, such as objects from around your house, on the other side.

Use the camera to tell stories. Skerry, who produced the documentary *Secrets of the Whales*, once took a photo of an orca offering him a stingray to share as a meal. He said the photo captured how whales have a culture like humans do. Have your camera ready—a single picture can tell a great story!

members of the school! Schools can also work with local organizations that bring in a therapy dog for certain classes or counseling sessions.

Recently, I met with my school principal to propose a therapy dog program for my school. If you would like to advocate for getting a therapy dog at your school, here are three facts you can share with administrators.

Therapy dogs can boost children's mental health. During a school day, children may be managing many different priorities, which often can result in feelings of stress and anxiety. Therapy dogs can help students feel less overwhelmed and more focused.

Student behavior may improve after spending time with a therapy dog.

Elementary schools in Colorado and Massachusetts that implemented a therapy dog program reported that they have since observed more healthy behaviors in their students. Attention spans improved, and happiness levels increased.

Organizations are ready to help. There are several trusted groups that train therapy dogs to go into schools. The Alliance of Therapy Dogs and Assistance Dogs International are two good resources to turn to. They have more information about how therapy dogs are trained to work in the classroom with children.



CARE ABOUT HOW LIVESTOCK IS RAISED



By Zinn, 10, Georgia

As an animal rights activist, I worry that many people don't know where our meat comes from. There are about 9 billion animals

being raised for food in the US each year, and many of them may not have good lives on factory farms. To reduce animal cruelty, I am a vegetarian, which means I eat only plant-based foods and dairy products. Even if you aren't ready to stop eating meat, here are some other important steps you can take to protect animals.



Read food labels carefully. Food packaging can be tricky to understand. For example, the word "natural" doesn't tell consumers how animals were raised to create the product. Instead, look for "certified humane" and "animal welfare approved" on food packaging. These terms guarantee that farms have complied with animal welfare regulations. Eggs with these labels mean that the chickens had access to pastures and weren't confined to cages.

Eat less meat. Farms that raise animals for food are a major source of air and water pollution and can produce about 15% of greenhouse gas emissions, which contributes to climate change. By practicing "Meatless Mondays," you can reduce the demand for food products that harm the environment.

Learn about sustainable farming.

Wyatt Williams, a food journalist and author of *Springer Mountain*, encourages children to visit local farmers markets. Talking to farmers there, kids may learn how the farms conserve resources and allow animals to roam and graze freely.



Puzzles



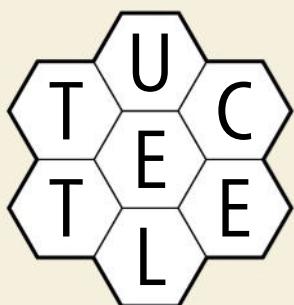
Word ladder

To change the word BIRD into the word NEST, use each clue to fill in a word that is only one letter different from the word before it. If you get stuck, try solving from the bottom up.



STEPPING STONES

Each figure hides a seven-letter item in a salad. To find each one, start anywhere and move in an unbroken path through letters that share a border (no jumping!), using each letter once.

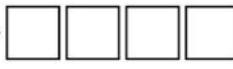


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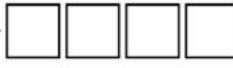
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"Do you ____ ?" ("Does this bother you?") ►



Taste in many toothpastes ►



Fine spray of water ►



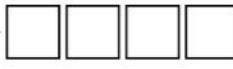
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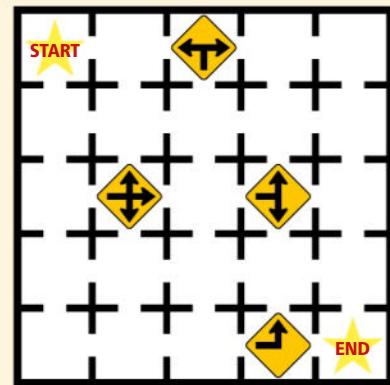
Your body gets this while you're sleeping ►



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DETOURS

Draw one continuous path from START to END that goes through every single square without crossing itself. For squares with signs, you may only enter at the arrow's base, and you may only make a turn in the direction of an arrow shown. (NEED A HINT? Check the bottom of the page.)



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Crossmath

Fill each empty box with a number or a mathematical symbol (+, -, ×, or ÷) to complete the equations across and down. A symbol can be used more than once.

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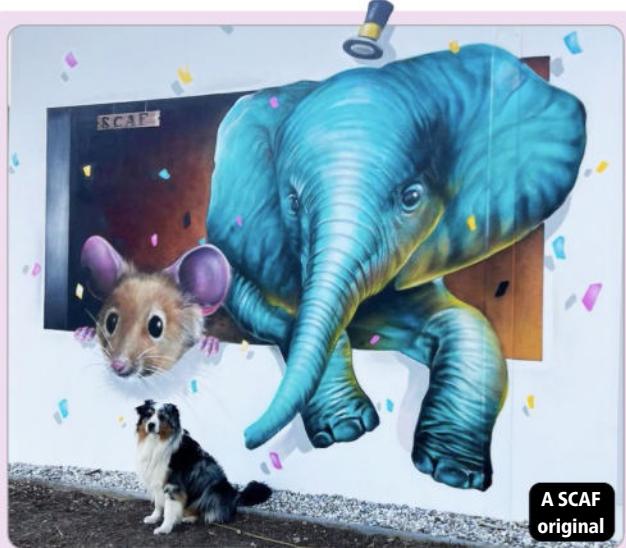
Spot the difference

These two pictures of a dog eating in a restaurant appear to be the same, but take a closer look. There are actually five differences. Can you see them?



Detours hint: Move one square to the right to start the path.

That's unbelievable!



A SCAF original

Massive murals that fool the eye

An artist is transforming abandoned buildings by painting 3D-style murals directly onto the outside walls. Pierrot, the self-taught French graffiti artist also known as SCAF, has created murals of animals, vehicles, people, and cartoon characters on old factories and inside empty swimming pools. His clever artwork is an illusion: It tricks the viewer's eyes and brain into thinking the characters are coming out of the walls instead of being on a flat surface.

Pearl, the petite pup



The shortest dog in the world

Pearl, a chihuahua who stands 3.59 inches tall and tips the scales at 1.22 pounds, has been officially certified as the world's smallest living dog. Breaking records runs in the family: Pearl's aunt, Miracle Milly, previously held the title at 3.8 inches. Owner Vanesa Semler describes 2-year-old Pearl as "small like a ball" and "a bit of a diva" who loves wearing fancy outfits, such as a bejeweled collar and a tutu. "We're blessed to have her," Semler said.



They're really getting up there.

Human snowflakes in the sky

The sky is no limit for a group of 101 California skydivers, all of whom are at least 60 years old. The group, known as Skydivers Over Sixty (or SOS), has broken a world record for creating the largest snowflake formation while in free fall. The next day, they broke another record when 95 senior skydivers changed their formation mid-fall. Their attempts are being sent to Guinness World Records to be officially verified. Patricia Brown, a 72-year-old SOS member, said, "You're never too old to do something that you want to do."

Real or fake?

Did the Eiffel Tower have a mini-me?



The Eiffel Tower's little friend

Tourists might have thought they were seeing double when they visited the Eiffel Tower last month. In fact, they were looking at the work of an artist named Philippe Maindron. After deciding that one Eiffel Tower in Paris, France, was not enough, he erected a mini version named Eiffela nearby. "I had a dream—that the Eiffel Tower has a baby," he said. Eiffela was 104 feet tall and stood beside its 10-times-larger "parent" for a short time in April. Is this story real, or is it a towering lie?*

*Really? The miniature replica of the Eiffel Tower was installed for 10 days. When

asked why he created Eiffela, Maindron said, "There is no other goal than to create happiness and to create a bond."



Your turn

Editor's note



The US will elect its next President in November 2024, but 10 people have already said they're running for the office (p2). If you think 18 months seems like a very long time to campaign, you're right. The US is different from many other countries in that regard. Mexico has a 60-day pre-campaign season followed by a 90-day campaign season, for example, while candidates in France campaign for about two weeks. Why does the US drag it out so long? One reason is that many nations have laws limiting the length of a campaign season, and the US doesn't. There are pros and cons to the way we do things—on the positive side, voters have more time to get to know the candidates and what they stand for. On the other hand, it costs a lot of money to campaign for that long and many voters get tired of politics before the election. What do you think? Let us know at hello@theweekjunior.com.



Andrea Barbalich
Editor-in-Chief

CHARITY OF THE WEEK



American Forests

Founded in 1875, this organization aims to improve the health of the nation's trees and ensure that US cities have enough trees. It collects data on 150,000 urban neighborhoods to ensure that trees are planted equitably in all areas of a city. It has planted more than 65 million trees around the country and the world. Find out more at americanforests.org.



Geoffrey, 12, New York

Selling lemonade for a cause

“I love reading *The Week Junior!*! The article the magazine ran about book bans across the country inspired me to start a lemonade stand and donate money to support ending book bans. My stand helped me raise more

than \$500 for the Unite Against Book Bans campaign just in time for the American Library Association’s Right to Read Day on April 24. Thank you for the idea!”

Have you done something interesting or raised money for a cause you care about? Whatever you’re up to, we want to hear about it at hello@theweekjunior.com.



INTERNATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST OPPORTUNITY

The Royal Meteorological Society’s Young Weather Photographer of the Year contest is being held in partnership with *The Week Junior Science + Nature* magazine in the UK. Kids under age 18 from around the world can submit photos they have taken that capture the wonders of the weather. The contest is free to enter, and the deadline for submissions is June 27, 2023. Find out more about the terms and conditions for applying at zealous.co/rmets.



Eris Pil, age 16, of Pennsylvania won the 2022 contest with this photo, titled "Mammatus Sunset."

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YOUR PHOTOS

We'd love to see pictures you've taken or pictures with you in them! Have an adult email them to us at hello@theweekjunior.com, along with anything you would like us to know about what you're doing in the photo.



"Here we are, reading *The Week Junior* with our dog." James, 8, and Calvin, 6, Oregon

"I saw one of Picasso's paintings in a Boston museum. I could tell it was from the Blue Period, just like it said in *The Week Junior!*" Abby, 11, Virginia



"I love to cook so much, and it is super awesome that *The Week Junior* has recipes. My family said, 'Wow, I can't believe you made those!'" Arielle, 10, California

Teacher OF THE WEEK

Teacher's Name: **Ms. Mitchell**
School: **Gateway College Preparatory School**

"**Ms. Mitchell is my math teacher. She makes the most complicated concepts easy to understand. She teaches math using fun activities and realistic scenarios. Recently, we did a unit on financial literacy. I enjoyed learning about how taxes work. Ms. Mitchell is friendly with her students and gives out rewards for hard work. You can tell she truly enjoys teaching.**"

William, 11, Texas

Nominate your teacher for Teacher of the Week!
Send your reason for the nomination, a photo of your teacher, and your school's name and address to hello@theweekjunior.com.

Puzzle answers (from page 26)

Word ladder

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Quiz answers (from page 30)
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Quiz of the week

How much of this week's news can you remember?

1 What word has been added to a Brazilian dictionary in honor of a soccer legend?

- a) Pelé b) Ronaldo c) Neymar

a b c

2 True or false? In the new book *The One and Only Ruby*, Ruby is an elephant who hates her trunk.

True False

3 Yasmeen Lari is which country's first female architect?

- a) India b) Pakistan c) Afghanistan

a b c

4 Raccoon dogs are the only member of the Canidae family known to do what?



5 True or false? One of Harry Belafonte's recordings became the first album by a single artist to sell more than a million copies.

True False

6 A university from which US state repeated its victory in the men's 4x800-meter relay event at the Penn Relays?

- a) Oklahoma b) Rhode Island c) Mississippi

a b c

7 True or false? In a study, monkeys without opposable thumbs were more likely to fall for a magic trick.

True False

8 A museum dedicated to what famous pilot recently opened in Atchison, Kansas?



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The red kite is a bird of prey distinguished by its body of reddish-brown feathers, a forked tail, and a wingspan of more than five feet.